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SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the inclusion of this amendment is to provide the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission adequate information to help them make the decisions that they will have to make in order to...to provide the approval for the projects that are called for under 1138. The issues that are included are the role and mission of and academic offerings provided by Peru State College; educational and service needs of the students who attend Peru State College; Peru State College enrollment, retention, graduation, and related data and trends; the cost of educating students at Peru State College; the condition and utilization of current facilities and needs for renewal, renovation, and remodeling of existing facilities at Peru State College; employment and economic development needs of southeast Nebraska; the need for a residential, public, four-year college in southeast Nebraska, and for those who are considering whether there even is a need for this kind of a facility, that is the question that will...that will provide the answer; the extent of services which are currently provided or which may be potentially provided in southeast Nebraska by postsecondary educational institutions other than Peru State College; potential modifications to the role and mission and academic offerings provided by Peru State College; capital and operating cost implications related to the capital construction section; and the effectiveness of alternative means of academic process (sic) delivery; the impact upon other educational institutions relating to any modifications to the role and mission of and academic offerings provided by Peru State College; statutory or other revisions which may be necessary relating to modification of the role and mission; and a reasonable time line and process for implementation of any modifications to the role and mission. These are the elements, the 13 elements that...14 elements, I am sorry, that were suggested by the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission that they felt needed to be considered before they were in a position to make the recommendations for the capital construction aspects that are called for under 1138. So this is, essentially, what the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission felt they needed to have studied in order to be able to adequately justify the decisions that they must make to...on whether the aspects of 1138, capital construction aspects, are justified. The